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SENATOR ALLARD SECURES \$5 MILLION FOR TENNESSEE PASS IMPROVEMENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), Chairman of the Senate Housing and Transportation Subcommittee, has secured \$5 million for improvements to Highway 24 over Tennessee Pass in the final version of the transportation authorization bill that emerged from a conference committee on Wednesday. The transportation bill is expected to be approved by the House and Senate by Friday and signed into law by President Bush early next week.

Senator Allard was a member of the House-Senate Conference Committee that ironed out differences between the U.S. House and Senate versions of the transportation legislation and secured a total of \$110 million for specific transportation projects.

"More than three years of hard work and negotiations on the transportation bill have paid off, with \$5 million specifically directed to improvements on Tennessee Pass," said Senator Allard. "The transportation bill will help to make Tennessee Pass a wider, safer route to travel, especially for those who use the pass to commute between Leadville and the I-70 Corridor."

"Colorado's transportation needs continue to grow," added Senator Allard. "As a member of the conference committee, I was pleased to be able to secure \$110 million for a long list of critically-needed highway projects throughout Colorado."

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